first calculation means for calculating a use charge of a device for inputting or outputting data; and

second calculation means for calculating a use charge of application software used to use the device.

7.   (Amended) A charge calculation method comprising:

a data processing step of creating and/or editing data using application software;

an input/output step of inputting or outputting data using a data input/output device; and

a calculation step of separately calculating a use charge of the data input/output device and a use charge of the application software.

10.   (Amended) A charge calculation method comprising:

a first calculation step of calculating a use charge of a device for inputting or outputting data; and

second calculation step of calculating a use charge of application software used to use the device.

13.   (Amended) A computer-readable storage medium which stores program codes of a charge calculation method, comprising:

a code of a data processing step of creating and/or editing data using application software;

a code of an input/output step of inputting or outputting data using a data input/output device; and

a code of a calculation step of separately calculating a use charge of the data input/output device and a use charge of the application software.

14.   (Amended) A computer-readable storage medium which stores program codes of a

charge calculation method, comprising:

a code of a first calculation step of calculating a use charge of a device for inputting or

outputting data; and

a code of a second calculation step of calculating a use charge of application software

used to use the device.

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted as being responsive to the Office Action mailed

November 27, 2002 for the above application. No extension of time is believed to be required

based upon the filing of this Response on the deadline of the three-month statutory period

(February 27, 2003). However, authorization is granted to charge our deposit account no. 18-

1644, if necessary, for any fees needed for entry of this response.

A review of the file for this application shows that there is an issue that requires

correction and entry by the Examiner. Particularly, with respect to filing of a certified copy of

the priority document for this application with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

("PTO"), it is noted that such certified copy was filed November 15, 2000 with a transmittal

form with mail certification with the PTO. (see copies of filed documents) A stamped

postcard indicating receipt by the PTO on November 20, 2000 was received by our firm, a

copy of which is attached. A recent printout from the PAIR system, a copy of which is

attached, appears to confirm that such certified copy was filed with the PTO on November 20,

2000 (see entry numbered 8). However, in the Office Action, no acknowledgment of this

document is indicated on the "Office Action Summary" page. It is respectfully requested that